

Listed here are the lectures and seminars  
on Late Antiquity taking place in Oxford  
between April and June 2014

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## OXFORD CENTRE FOR LATE ANTIQUITY



### Special Lecture

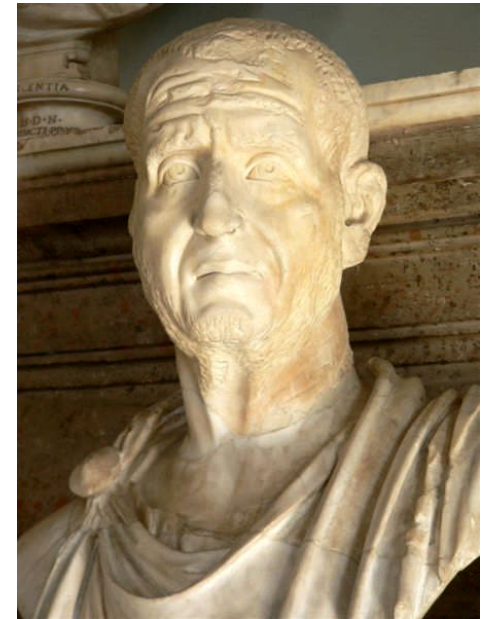
#### David Potter

(University of Michigan)

#### *'Dexippus and Decius: An Inquiry into the Catastrophe of 251'*

Monday 28 April 2014  
(1st Week) at 4pm

Seminar Room,  
Corpus Christi College



*Emperor Traianus Decius  
(Capitoline Museum)*

David Potter is the author of numerous books on Roman history,  
spanning Antiquity into Late Antiquity, including *The Roman Empire  
at Bay, AD 180–395* (2004), *Constantine the Emperor* (2012), and,  
most recently, a second edition of *Ancient Rome: a New History*

But how shall we converse?  
Dialogue and Debate from Late  
Antiquity to Byzantium



Organisers: Averil Cameron (Oxford) & Niels Gaul (CEU  
Budapest)

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Keble College

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## Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar

WEDNESDAYS in Trinity Term 2014

in the Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, 66 St Giles', at 5pm

30 April (Week 1)

**Wolfgang Hahn** (University of Vienna):

*Christianisation of the coin typology in Aksum versus Rome*

7 May (Week 2)

**Elodie Tourquois** (St Hugh's):

*Monumentality, aesthetics, and emotions in Procopius of Caesarea's ekphrasis of Constantinople*

14 May (Week 3)

**Marc Lauxtermann** (Exeter):

*Greek and Latin (and Arabic) in Norman Sicily: Anon. Malta and his Poem of Exile*

21 May (Week 4)

**Beat Brenk** (University of Basel):

*The Mosaics and Paintings of the Cappella Palatina in Palermo: Concept and Meaning*

28 May (Week 5)

**Alberto Rigolio** (St John's):

*Erostraphus: a Syriac dialogue with Socrates on the soul, the body, and the absence of vice*

4 June (Week 6)

**Elizabeta Dimitrova** (SS. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje):

*Fresco ensembles of Byzantine Macedonia: social horizons, iconographic novelties, painterly expression*

11 June (Week 7)

**Michael Humphreys** (St John's College, Cambridge):

*Iconoclast Laws*

18 June (Week 8)

**Johannes Pahlitzsch** (University of Mainz):

*Melkites and Arabo-Greek Christianity in Syria and Egypt*

Conveners: Marc Lauxtermann and Mark Whittow

## Late Antique and Byzantine Archaeology and Art Seminar

THURSDAYS in Trinity Term 2014

St John's College, New Seminar Room, 11am–12.30pm

1 May (Week 1)

**Prof. Wolfgang Hahn** (University of Vienna; OCBR Visiting Professor):  
*Some remarks on the Byzantine issues of the Roman mint during the eighth century*

8 May (Week 2)

**Prof. Andrew Wilson** (All Souls):  
*The nymphs and palms of late Roman Aphrodisias*

15 May (Week 3)

**Dr Anne McCabe** (CSAD):  
*Equestrian sports in and near the Great Palace at Constantinople: Part 1*

22 May (Week 4)

**Agnieszka Lic** (St Cross):  
*The mosque at Sobata/Shivta in the Negev in the context of Muslim-Christian relations in Bilad al-Sham in the early Islamic period*

29 May (Week 5)

**Dr Simon Davies**:  
*From statue to 'relief icon': transition in medieval Byzantine sculpture*

5 June (Week 6)

**Prof. Elizabeta Dimitrova** (Skopje):  
*Art and ritual in the sacred images of Macedonia paleocristiana: mosaics, frescoes, relief decoration*

12 June (Week 7)

**Prof. Cyril Mango** (Exeter):  
*Equestrian sports in and near the Great Palace at Constantinople: Part 2*

19 June (Week 8)

**Dr Jeffrey Featherstone** (Corpus) and **Dr Philipp Niewöhner** (Brasenose):  
*The topography of the Great Palace and the iconography of the Walker Trust Mosaics at Constantinople*

Conveners: Dr Marlia Mango (St John's) and Philipp Niewöhner (Brasenose)

## Byzantine Law Seminar

WEDNESDAYS in Weeks 2, 5, and 6 of Trinity Term 2014

Hovenden Room, All Souls College, 11am–1pm

7 May (Week 2)

**Dr Dafne Penna** (Groningen):  
*Hagiotheodorites: the last 'antecessor'? Some remarks on one of the new Basilica scholiasts*

(See '...αυτόχρονα Τριβωνιανός ὁ πολυθρύλλητος ἦν...', Michael Italikos on Hagiotheodorites. Dr Penna published in 2012 a Ph.D. entitled 'The Byzantine Imperial Acts to Venice, Pisa and Genoa, 10th–12th Centuries')

28 May (Week 5)

**Dr Silvia Schiavo** (Ferrara):  
*The Edicta Praefectorum Praetorio of Cod. Bodl. Roë 18, edited by K. E. Zachariae in 1843*

(Dr Schiavo, a specialist in Late Roman Law/Byzantine Law, is at the moment studying the relationship between these edicts and Justinian's legislation on the same topics)

4 June (Week 6)

**Dr Hylkje de Jong** (VU Amsterdam):  
*The Actio Legis Aquiliae in Byzantine Law*

(Dr De Jong is a specialist on Byzantine Law and has published a monograph on the antecessor Stephanus, and several articles on Byzantine legal science)

Convener: Boudewijn Sirks

With the kind support of the Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research

## Single Lectures

**Stephen Mitchell**:

*Identity and epigraphy in Christian Asia Minor*

**Wednesday 28 May 2014** at 5pm in the Ioannou Centre (Lewis Lecture)

**Agnieszka Lic**:

*Christian stucco decorations in Mesopotamia and the Gulf Region in Late Antiquity*

**Friday 30 May 2014** at 2pm in the Jameel Centre, Ashmolean Museum

## TORCH BOOK AT LUNCHTIME

### Discussion of Averil Cameron's new book, *Byzantine Matters* (Princeton University Press)

Speakers: Jás Elsner, Peter Frankopan,  
and Jinty Nelson

Wednesday 21 May 2014 at 12.45pm  
at TORCH, Radcliffe Humanities Seminar Room

<http://torch.ox.ac.uk/Byzantine-Matters>

## After Rome Seminar: Aspects of the History and Archaeology of the Fifth to Seventh Centuries

THURSDAYS (except for Week 8) in Trinity Term 2014  
Trinity College (in Danson Room except for Weeks 3 and 6), at 5pm

1 May (Week 1)

**Bryan Ward-Perkins** (Trinity College, Oxford):

*An Introduction to the European Research Council Cult of Saints Project*

To celebrate the launch of this project there will be a brief drinks reception after the seminar

8 May (Week 2)

**Maria Lidova** (Wolfson College and 'Empires of Faith' project):

*The Imperial Theotokos: Revealing the Concept of Early Christian Imagery in S. Maria Maggiore*

15 May (Week 3) in Trinity's **Sutro Room**

**George Gereby** (Central European University, Budapest):

*Polemical narrative theology: the Protevangelium of James on the female, Jews, and the Nativity*

22 May (Week 4)

**Sylvain Destephen** (Paris X, Nanterre):

*Local martyrs and civic cults in Asia Minor*

29 May (Week 5)

**Mar Marcos** (Universidad de Cantabria):

*Flavius Constantius, the Urban Prefect, and the Church of Rome (AD 418–419)*

5 June (Week 6) in Trinity's **Sutro Room**

**Fanny Bessard** (SOAS, London):

*Shaping the early Islamic city in Mā warā' al-nahr (Central Asia), social and economic dynamics (8th–11th CE)*

12 June (Week 7)

**Marie Legendre** (Oriental Institute, Oxford):

*A meaningful silence: Landowning in early Islamic Egypt between the 'grands domaines' and Abbasid caliphal estates*

Friday 20 June (Week 8) [please note different day]

**James Howard-Johnston** (Corpus Christi College, Oxford):

*The Grand Strategy of the Sasanian Empire*

Conveners: James Howard-Johnston and Bryan Ward-Perkins

## Medieval History Seminar

MONDAYS in Trinity Term 2014  
Wharton Room, All Souls College, at 5pm

The following two seminars in the programme are relevant to Late Antiquity:

19 May (Week 4)

**Alison Bonner** (Jesus):

*The medieval manuscript transmission of Pelagius' Letter to Demetrias, and its implications*

26 May (Week 5)

**Mark Whittow** (Corpus Christi College):

*The Two Falls of the Roman Empire: nomads, migrations and the ends of the Ancient World*

Conveners: Paul Brand and Mark Whittow

## Seminar on Abrahamic Religions

MONDAYS in Trinity Term 2014  
Oriental Institute, 5.30–7 pm

28 April (Week 1)

**Professor Carlos Fraenkel** (LMH):

*Violence and intolerance in the Abrahamic Religions*

5 May (Week 2)

**Katherine Perry** (Pembroke) and **Anna Chrysostomides** (St Antony's):

*Violence in Luke 22:35–8 and Christian martyr descriptions from the early Islamic descriptions*

12 May (Week 3)

**James Bergida** (Blackfriars) and **Jonathon Wright** (St Stephen's House):

*Usury as bloodless warfare in the arguments of Ambrose and post-biblical interpretation of Simeon and Levi*

19 May (Week 4)

**Sam Baddeley** (St Peter's) and **Lucy Parker** (Lincoln):

*Irenaeus' Against Heresies and outsiders in Christian hagiography*

26 May (Week 5)

**Kim Czajkowski** (Merton) and **Cecilia Palombo** (Pembroke):

*Pagans on Jewish misanthropy and anti-Jewish polemics in Coptic-Arabic Christian homilies*

2 June (Week 6)

**Anthony Rabin** (Wolfson) and **Marten Krijgsman** (St Cross):

*Forcible circumcision in the Second Temple period and the ethics of war in Deuteronomy*

9 June (Week 7)

**Charlotte Klingelhoefter** (Regent's Park) and **Dr Nicolai Sinai** (Pembroke):

*Tertullian against heresies and Qu'ranic polemic against Judaism*

16 June (Week 8)

**Dr Sinai** and **Professor Fraenkel**:

*Conclusions*

Conveners: Professor Martin Goodman, Dr Mark Edwards, and Dr Nicolai Sinai

## Patristics Seminar

TUESDAYS in Trinity Term 2014 at 5.00pm

Christ Church: Staircase 8, Lecture Room 1 (upstairs), except on 20 May

April 29 (Week 1)

**Mark Edwards** (University of Oxford):

*What did the Early Church mean by Eternal Death?*

6 May (Week 2)

**David Hunter** (University of Kentucky):

*Priesthood and Politics: Ambrosiaster and a Crisis of Authority in Late Fourth-Century Rome*

13 May (Week 3)

**Charlotte Klingelhoefter** (University of Oxford):

*Justin Martyr and the Stoics*

20 May (Week 4)

**Iliaria Ramelli** (University of Rome):

*The correspondence of Paul and Seneca*

This talk will take place in Lecture Room 2 (downstairs).

27 May (Week 5)

**Gyorgy Gereby** (University of Central Europe):

*Early Christian Political Theology*

3 June (Week 6)

**Anthony Dupont** (University of Leuven):

*The Regional and Controversial Context of North African Theology: Augustine of Hippo's Appeal to Cyprian of Carthage*

10 June (Week 7)

**James Bergida** (University of Oxford):

*Usury and the Early Church*

17 June (Week 8)

**Dimitrios Pallis** (University of Oxford):

*Approaches to Philo of Alexandria*

For further information, email <mark.edwards@chch.ox.ac.uk>

## Porphyry Seminar: Philosophical and Historical Perspectives

WEDNESDAYS in Trinity Term 2014  
Corpus Christi College Seminar Room, 5–6.30pm (followed by drinks)

30 April 2014 (Week 1)

**Richard Sorabji** (University of Oxford):  
*A Romp through Porphyry of Tyre*

7 May 2014 (Week 2)

**Riccardo Chiaradonna** (Università degli Studi Roma Tre):  
*Porphyry's Reading of Aristotle's Categories and the Peripatetic Commentary Tradition*

14 May 2014 (Week 3)

**Timothy Barnes** (University of Edinburgh):  
*Porphyry and the 'Great Persecution'*

21 May 2014 (Week 4):

**Christophe Erismann** (Université de Lausanne):  
*Porphyry's Tree as a Relational Structure*

28 May 2014 (Week 5)

**Gillian Clark** (University of Bristol):  
*Porphyry knew better: Augustine, City of God Book 10*

4 June 2014 (Week 6)

**Fay Edwards** (Washington University in St Louis):  
*Porphyry's De Abstinencia*

11 June 2014 (Week 7)

**Aaron P. Johnson** (Lee University):  
*The Philosophical Uses of 'historia' in Porphyry*

18 June 2014 (Week 8)

**Mark Edwards** (University of Oxford):  
*Porphyry and the Justification of Allegory*

This seminar is co-organised by Anna Marmodoro and Neil McLynn, and is supported by the Centre for the Study of Greek and Roman Antiquity at Corpus Christi College, the Oxford Classics Faculty and the *Power Structuralism in Ancient Ontologies* Project.

## Bahari Lecture Series: “Sasanian Iran in the Context of Late Antiquity”

TUESDAYS of Weeks 2–9 of Trinity Term 2014 at 5pm in Ioannou Centre for Classical & Byzantine Studies, 66 St Giles' (except for Week 6)

6 May (Week 2)

**Rahim Shayegan** (UCLA):  
*The king and his audience: On the discursive strategies of Sasanian royal inscriptions*

13 May (Week 3) **CANCELLED**

**Antonio Panaino** (University of Bologna):  
*Books without Ritual—Ritual without Books: The Mazdean approach to the divine liturgy of Sasanian times, between literacy and orality. A reversed history of the Avestan text*

20 May (Week 4)

**Arash Zeini** (University of St Andrews):  
*Secrecy and canonisation in Sasanian Iran: A scholastic reading of the Zand*

27 May (Week 5)

**Giusto Traina** (Paris-Sorbonne University):  
*Armenian traditions on Arđaxšēr I*

3 June (Week 6)

**Touraj Daryaee** (Bahari Visiting Fellow, Oxford and UC, Irvine):  
*Khusro II and the conquest of Byzantium: Destruction or restoration of the world order in Late Antiquity? (held in the Okinaga Room, Wadham College and followed by a reception)*

10 June (Week 7)

**Yuhan S.-D. Vevaina** (Stanford University):  
*Blood and boundaries / brothers and sisters: Next-of-kin marriage in late antique Zoroastrianism*

17 June (Week 8)

**Matthew Canepa** (University of Minnesota):  
*Archaeologies of Iranian identity in late antique western and central Asia*

24 June (Week 9)

**Michael Alram** (Austrian Academy of Sciences):  
*Sasanian influence in Central Asian numismatics*

All welcome. Light refreshments after the lectures  
Conveners: Professor Touraj Daryaee and Professor Edmund Herzig  
Supported by the Bahari Foundation

## Khalili Research Centre Seminar

TUESDAYS in Trinity Term 2014

Lecture Room, KRC, 3 St John Street, 2.00–4.00pm

29 April (Week 1)

**Dr Elizabeth Fowden** (FAMES, Cambridge):

*The Parthenon Mosque*

6 May (Week 2)

**Dr Francesca Leoni** and **Ms Helen Moulden**

(Eastern Art, Ashmolean Museum):

*Islamic Art Online: Merging Museum Collections on a Single Portal*

13 May (Week 3)

**Dr Derek Kennet** (Department of Archaeology, University of Durham):

*The Development of the Gulf and Eastern Arabia from the Sasanian Period to the Tenth Century*

20 May (Week 4)

**Dr Nadia Ali** (Empires of Faith Project, KRC and Wolfson):

*Early Islamic Iconography Reconsidered: Scope, Problems and Approaches*

27 May (Week 5)

**Dott.ssa Cristina Tonghini** (Archeologia e Storia dell'Arte Musulmana, Università di Ca' Foscari, Venice):

*The Citadel of Shayzar and the Evolution of Military Architecture in the Mediaeval Near East*

3 June (Week 6)

**Umberto Bongianino** (KRC and LMH):

*Introducing Maghribi Scripts. Arabic Palaeography in the Muslim West*

10 June (Week 7)

**Dr Mariam Rosser-Owen** (V&A) and

**Dr Rosalind Wade Haddon** (Independent Scholar):

*A New Look at Samarra: Small Finds from the Herzfeld Excavation in the Victoria and Albert Museum*

17 June (Week 8)

**Agnieszka Lic** (Institute of Archaeology and St Cross):

*The Wawel Casket*

## The Roman Discussion Forum

WEDNESDAYS in Trinity Term 2014

Lecture Room, Institute of Archaeology, Beaumont Street at 1.00 pm

The following two items on the programme are relevant to Late Antiquity:

Wednesday 30 April (Week 1)

**Dr Julia Lenaghan** (Ashmolean Museum):

*Recycling Statuary: Evaluating portrait monuments of the fourth century*

Wednesday 18 June (Week 8)

**Dr Rebecca Darley** (Birmingham):

*Late Roman coins as economic and ritual objects in south India*

Organisers: Andrew Wilson, Nichole Sheldrick, and Amanda Sharp with the support of the Faculty of Classics, the School of Archaeology, and All Souls College

## Seminar on Jewish History and Literature in the Graeco-Roman Period

TUESDAYS in Trinity Term 2014

Oriental Institute, 2.30–4 pm

The following two seminars relate to Late Antiquity:

20 May (Week 4)

**Dr Esther Chazon** (Hebrew University):

*Alternate approaches to prayer*

27 May (Week 5)

**Dr Vered Shalev** (Wolfson):

*Jews, Christians, and church building in Capernaum*

Convener: Professor Martin Goodman

## **Afternoon Colloquium: 'Classical Heritage from Tripoli to Damascus'**

Presenting the work of the Manar al-Athar Open-access Photo Archive of sites from c.300 B.C. to the present day.

**Saturday 21 June 2014** at 2pm  
Ioannou Centre, 66 St Giles', Oxford

Programme with registration details :  
[http://www.ocla.ox.ac.uk/pdf/programme\\_tripoli\\_damascus.pdf](http://www.ocla.ox.ac.uk/pdf/programme_tripoli_damascus.pdf)

Organizers: Marlana Whiting, Mai Musie and Judith McKenzie

## **Workshop: “... But how shall we converse?” Dialogue and Debate from Late Antiquity to Byzantium**

Friday 4–Saturday 5 July 2014 at Keble College (Douglas Price Room)

Full programme: [http://www.ocla.ox.ac.uk/pdf/programme\\_dialogues.pdf](http://www.ocla.ox.ac.uk/pdf/programme_dialogues.pdf)

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<averil.cameron@keble.ox.ac.uk> by 20 June 2014 at the latest

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